

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Soliman, et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2128
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Serial No.: 10/728,295	§	
	§	Examiner: Gebresilassie, Klibrom K.
Filed: December 4, 2003	§	
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Title: “Method for Geomechanical Fracture Modeling”	§	
	§	Docket No.: 2003-IP-011150U1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The three-month shorted statutory period expired on November 8, 2008. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to January 8, 2009. This Response is therefore timely filed.

AAmendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the “Listing of Claims,” which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Response.